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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Serial Nos. ~~Thirteen~~ Twelve only.

Part B for August, 1943.

SUBJECT.

Field Firing Ranges – Bidadi.

Secretariat
31.8.1943.

(1) Field firing areas Ridsdale.

From the Secretary to the Resident D.8080/43/Sol. d. 29.7.43. Forwards copy of letter from H.Q. 160 Lt. Regt. and area drawings for information & to Commanding Officers to use the Field firing Ranges at Ridsdale.

1) I ascertained from the D.eo Officer on the phone that the L.A.D.C. Camp would not be in the area of the Forest. The L.A.D.C. & the D.E. are not in the district & are instructed to be back in Hexham on Monday. The Area in the L.A.D.C. Camp have cancelled to see the art exhibition at Bents Park Monday.

An interim reply may be sent to the Secretary.

2) For signature 3) The enclosure to the Resident's letter in pencil.

Min Ed 30/7/43

4) What is stated in the enclosure does not reflect much credit on anyone.

CHIEF CLERK 30 JUL GOVT
OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT Date 31/7/43

[illegible] opinions called for. [illegible] requisitions were not specifically dealt with in the previous letters. It is noted that it is the Chief Conservator's duty to see that requisitions from the C.R. are complied. In aiming in this connection reference to the [illegible] letter of the 6th he wants for that permission, if granted in the case of certain forests "Reserved Forest" to be declared in the areas [illegible]

7.) [illegible] the area [illegible] for field firing [illegible] if a [illegible] may be sent [illegible] there is no objection to grant the permission. None asked for. C.R informed accordingly.

[illegible] orders.

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8) Mullayanagiri State Forest is one of the forests in respect of which the Chief Conservator of Forests has opined that permissions may be given for jungle

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Warfare, while the present proposal of the Residency is for field firing. This for consideration if the C.C.F may be consulted of a similar proposal.

Chief Secy.

Secretary to C.C.F.

(4) Noted & 3-8-43.

Requirements. That the permission sought for by the Military for use of the Bivadi area as its field firing range may be given in consideration of compensation for damages, if any, caused by shooting & training.

(5) The correspondence in connection with a portion of Wellington State forest near Bivadi is required for field firing. Previously the Range Road was required. That permission may, if required, be granted to use of this forest for a single occasion for training.

(6) Submitted a map as directed by Ch. Secy. in the Railway Secretariat to C.C.F. for consideration.

4/8/43.

Chief Secy.

(10) The area in question

Field firing Ranges – Bidadi area.

in new required for field firing. The C.R. recommen permission being granted. Subject to the payment of compensation for damage if any, caused in the course of field firing practice ÷

(4) An intimation to the Dewan. I have also intimated this to Mr Egerton and the C.R.

(5) (1) Dft letter & Dft notice may be approved. (I have also put up a Dft letter to Col. Fraser from the Dewan; in reply to his letter of the 3rd inst.)

Min' Ed' & Dewan

(2) [illegible] 6/8/43

(3) [illegible] 6/8/43

(4) The drafts may issue today Mr Eckersley may be asked why he has not acknowledge or replied to my D.O. letter of [illegible] and when he will be able to do so.

[illegible] 6/8/43

6/8/43

(6) I issued orders vide Pol 276 dt 6-8-43 to the Secy to Revenue Board stating that there is no objection to the use of this area for field firing practice

(7) Memo No W213 dt 6-8-43 with C.R. Memo No W213 dt 6-8-43 authorising field firing practice in the area

Memo No [illegible] dt 6/8/43 copy to C.R., D & Bangalore re C-2.

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304/W. 03-36/W. New Firing Ranges - Bidadi

From C.E.Z.

Rec'd 11-8-43 & Dy 6-8-43 (8)

Forward copy of his letter to C.R re the matter.

(Chief Engr's orders on P.W.D "Plan in file").

15) Submd. with a draft D.O to C.R re his reference to para 14 supra.

Sd. 9/8/43. 16) Issued (T.C.L.H.M.)

Issued D.O. No 22) dd 9th Aug 1943 to the (9)
RC & CR calling for his explns. for delay in replying to H.Q.

C.H.O 509 of 7-8-43 from C.R (10)
recommending that general permission may be given for the Units stationed at Bidadi, Ramanagaram, Kanakapura & Channapatna to carry out Bombardment camps using areas within 25 miles radius of the camps for exercises.

17) It is not clear if the exercises consist in field firing practices or general exercises.

Permission has already been given

W 20-431 No. D.8080/43/Pol. Rec(1) SECRET/IMMEDIATE. 255 W 5

From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, the 29th July 1943.

FIELD FIRING RANGES - BIDADI.

Sir,

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from H.Q., 160 L of C Sub Area, No.253/32/166/G, dated the 29th July 1943, with the request that, if the Mysore Government see no objection, permission may kindly be accorded to the military authorities to use the Field Firing Area at Bidadi.

2. The favour of a very urgent reply is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

CHIEF SECRETARY. 29. JUL. 1943 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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Letter fromHeadquarters, 160 L of C Sub Area, No.253/32/166/G., dated the 29th July 1943.

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FIELD FIRING RANGES.

On the 23rd June 1943, this H.Q. wrote to the Civil Representative to the Mysore Government asking for permission to use a Field Firing Area near Bidadi. This area had been selected by the Brigade concerned, in conjunction with the Amildar at Bidadi, and was located on grazing land only and was sited, so that a hill at the end of the area, acted as a natural stop butt. Furthermore, the area was one which would necessitate no clearing of any villages.

2. Permission to use this range on four days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 0800 to 1700 hrs, each day, was requested.

3. The original letter written on the 23rd June, was marked as "Urgent", but no reply being received by the 13th July 1943, another "Urgent" letter was sent on that day, requesting an answer to be given as soon as possible, as the training of the troops concerned was being delayed. Again no reply was received from the Civil Representative and accordingly, on the 23rd July 1943, we again wrote requesting an early answer. In this letter it was stated that it was urgently desired to use the Field Firing Area on Monday 26th July 1943. Again no reply has yet been received by this H.Q., although it is known that various officials of the Mysore Government have inspected the area concerned.

4. As the Brigade Major of this H.Q. was unable to contact Mr. Seshadri a final letter was sent to him on this matter on the 27th July 1943. Although Mr. Seshadri visited this H.Q. on the 28th July 1943, and was asked to come up and see the B.M. he went away without paying him a visit. Attempts to contact him by telephone today have failed and it is understood that he has now gone to Ajmer. This H.Q. would therefore be grateful for your assistance in getting a very early reply from the Mysore Government. in granting permission to

to use the Field Firing Area at Bidadi. It is stressed that this matter is of the utmost importance and the training of the Brigade concerned, is very seriously hindered by their inability to use this Field Firing Area.

BJ

for field training purposes near Bidadi camps.

Re Tondebhavi & 4 tanks area, proposals have been submitted with maps granting permission for use of areas for field training purposes.

Secy. for orders if the general permission recommended by the C.R. may be granted.

59 10/8/43. 18) It is perhaps desirable to get the maps showing the areas in each case to be which are the plans which will be affected. The proposals seem to be unobjectionable as the authorities say that all wild crops will be cut & burnt & Villages will be avoided as far as possible

by [illegible] 10/8

19) General permission may be given as recommended by the Civ. Rep[tive] — subject to the Cond[itions] & assurances mentioned in Para 2. (Paper marked A) in the C.R.'s letter of 7th Aug.

Min Ed[n] & Dewan 20) [illegible] 14/8 UM 14/8/43

21) MM 15/8/43 & UM 16/8/43

No. 942

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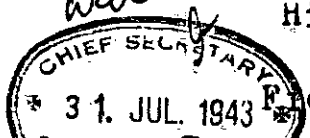
SECRET
IMMEDIATE

No.R.F.295-42/Pol.

From The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore
To The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Bangalore, 30th July 1943.



Field firing ranges - Bidadi.

Sir,

In continuation of letter from this Residency No.R.F.295-42/Pol, dated the 29th July 1943, I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from Headquarters, 160 L of C Sub Area No.253/32/169/G, dated the 29th July 1943, and to request that this Residency may kindly be favoured with a very urgent reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

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Letter from Headquarters, 160 L of C Sub Area dated 29th July 1943.

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FIELD FIRING RANGES.

Since wirting this H.Q. No.253/32/166/G dated 29th July 1943, we have received a letter from the Civil Representative, concerning this Field Firing Area. In this letter he says:

> "I write to say that as the area lies in State Forest, I have consulted the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, on the subject. His reply is awaited."

We, accordingly, earnestly request that the latter official may be asked to expedite his reply.

2. In this connection it should be mentioned that on 1st June 1943, a letter was written to the Civil Representative to the Mysore Government asking for permission for military training to be carried out in various State Forest Areas. The area concerned, at Bidadi, was included in this list. No reply to that letter, has however, ever been received.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue... 3.8.43

Signed by... Jr yk.V.

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Section War

File No. 20—43.

Serial No. 3.

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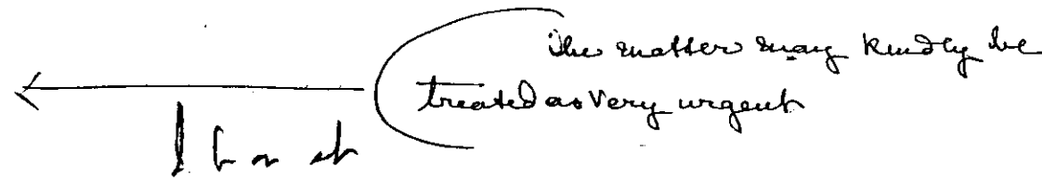
No. W.174/3843

To The C.R ~~ancef~~

Field Firing Range. Bidadi

Sir. I am directed to refer to this office D.O No 106/W d 16th Jul. 43 re. permission to carry out jungle warfare training in certain forest areas and to enclose herewith copies of Regd letters d 28th & 30th Jul. 43 with their enclosures. I am to request you kindly to send a report to this office early in consultation with the C.C.F whether permission may be accorded to the military authorities to use the Field

Turning Area at Bombay



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Chief Secretary's Report

175/W.

Copy to C.C.F. in continuation
of this office Memo No 107/W
dt 16th Mar 18.

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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

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SECRET & IMMEDIATE.

No. 20.174

General & Revenue Secty.
Bangalore, 2nd August 1943

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Civil Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Field Firing Range, Bidadi.

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I am directed to invite reference to this office D.O.No. 106/W. dated the 16th July 1943 regarding permission to carry out jungle warfare training in certain forest areas and to enclose herein copies of Residency letters dated 29th and 30th July 1943 with their enclosures. I am to request you kindly to send a report to Government very early in consultation with the Chief Conservator of Forests whether permission may be accorded to the military authorities to use the Field Firing Area at Bidadi.

The matter may kindly be treated as very urgent.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) V.Vedavyasacharya,
Chief Secretary to Government.

Copy of Residency letter No.D.8080/43/Pol. dated 29th July 1943.

Field Firing Ranges - Bidadi.

I am directed to forward a copy of a letter from H.Q., 160L of C.Sub Area, No.253/32/166/G, dated the 29th July 1943, with the request that, if the Mysore Government see no objection, permission may kindly be accorded to the military authorities to use the Field Firing Area at Bidadi.

2. The favour of a very urgent reply is requested.

Letter from Headquaters, 160 L of C Sub Area, No.253/32/166/G., dated the 29th July 1943.

Field Firing Ranges.

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P.T.O.

2. Permission to use this range on four days a week, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 0800 to 1700 hrs, each day, requested.

3. The original letter written on the 23rd June, was marked as "Urgent" but no reply being received by the 13th July 1943, another "Urgent" letter was sent on that day, requesting an answer to be given as soon as possible, as the training of the troops concerned was being delayed. Again no reply was received from the Civil Representative and accordingly, on the 23rd July 1943, we again wrote requesting an early answer. In this letter it was stated that it was urgently desired to use the Field Firing Area on Monday 26th July 1943. Again no reply has yet been received by this H.Q., although it is known that various officials of the Mysore Government have inspected the area concerned.

4. As the ~~Brigadier~~ Brigade Major of this H.Q. was unable to contact Mr. Seshadri a final letter was sent to ~~him~~ him on this matter on the 27th July 1943. Although Mr. Seshadri visited this H.Q. on the 28th July 1943, and was asked to come up and see the B.M. he went away without paying him a visit. Attempts to contact him by telephone today have failed and it is understood that he has now gone to Ajmer. This H.Q. would therefore be grateful for your assistance in getting a very early reply from the Mysore Government in granting permission to use the Field Firing Area at Bidadi. It is stressed that <u>this matter is of the utmost importance</u> and the training of the Brigade concerned, is very seriously hindered by their inability to use this Field Firing Area.

Copy of Residency letter No.R.F.295-42/Pol. dated the 30th July 1943.

Field Firing Ranges - Bidadi.

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Field Firing Ranges.

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We accordingly, earnestly request that the latter official may be asked to expedite his reply.

2. In this connection it should be mentioned that on 1st June 1943, a letter was written to the Civil Representative to the Mysore Government asking for permission for military training to be carried out in various State Forest Areas. The area concerned, at Bidadi, was included in this list. No reply to that letter, has however, ever been received.

"Copy"

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Memo No. 175/W

Dated, Bangalore, 2nd August 1943.

Copy of the foregoing is forwarded, with compliments, to the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, in continuation of this office Memo No.107/W. dated the 16th July 1943.

By Order,

MKV 3/8

For Chief Secretary to Government.

SG

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Telegraphic Address URGENT

OFFICE OF

the Revenue Commissioner and Civil,
Representative in Mysore,
Bangalore.

No. C.L.O. 529/42-43.
Encls.

Date August 3, 1943.

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To 4/8/43

~~PROGRESSIVE~~

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject: Field Firing in Bidadi Range.

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy each of letters No. 253/32/132/G dated 23-6-43 and No. 253/32/161/G dated 23-7-43, received from the Head Quarters, 160 L of C Sub Area, Bangalore, on the above subject.

The military authorities have requested that a portion of the Hultar State Forest in Closepet Taluk may be permitted to be used as a Field Firing Range by the troops stationed near Bidadi.

The Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore, and the Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore, were consulted in the matter. They have stated that there is no objection to the grant of permission asked for, subject to the payment of compensation for damages if any, caused during the course of training (vide copies of their letters enclosed).

In these circumstances, I agree with them and accordingly recommend that the permission asked for by the military for the use of the above Forest area as a Field Firing Range, may be kindly granted, subject to the condition proposed above.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

M. N. Ananthan.
for Revenue Commissioner &
Civil Representative.
(absent on casual leave)

SR.

Copy of letter No. 253/32/132/G dated 28-6-1943 from the H.Q., L of C Sub Area, to the Civil Representative to the Mysore Govt.

Subject: Field Firing Ranges.

In conjunction with the Amildar at Bidadi, a field firing range has been selected near Bidadi, for the use of the troops there.

2. This area is as follows:

(Ref. Map 57 H/5 one inch to one Mile).

Southern Boundary Hill at 859952 to South edge of hill at 875957.

Northern Boundary. Pt. 3130 (859983) to North edge of Hill 2790 (874977).

Direction of fire EAST to WEST.

3. This area is located on grazing land only, and no villages would have to be cleared, the hill running from pt. 3130 to pt. 2865acting as a natural stop butt.

4. The range would be required to be used on four days a week (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thrusdays and Fridays) from 0800 hrs to 1700 hrs each day.

5. Could you please give your official approval, for the use of this area as a field firing range, as soon as possible.

Copy of urgent letter No. 253/32/161/G dated 23-7-43 from the H.Q. 160 L of C Sub Area, to the Civil Representative to the Mysore Government.

Subject: Field Firing Area.

Reference this H.Q., No. 243/32/132/G dated 23 Jun 43, and 253/32/154/G dated 13 Jul 43.

It is urgently desired that this Field Firing Area may be used on Monday 26 Jul 43. As it is understood that various officials have inspected the area concerned, it is requested that a decision in this matter may be expedited.

Bangalore Deputy Commissioner's let. No. Mily.C.5716/42-43 dated 20th July 43 to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative.

Subject: Field Firing in Bidadi Range.

With reference to your letter No. C.L.O. 529 of 42-43 dated 26-6-43 on the above subject, I have the honour to state that the Sub Division Officer Closepet and the Civil Officer, Bangalore report that the spot was inspected by the Amildar, Closepet with the Military Authorities, that it is free from any obstacle and serves the purpose.

It is further reported that this area belongs to forest Department and that the cattle of the neighbouring villages resort to this place for grazing.

I, therefore, request that the Chief Conservator of Forest may be consulted before permitting the military to practice field firing in the area selected.

A copy of the report of the Amildar, Closepet addressed to the Civil Officer, Bangalore and that of the latter's report are enclosed

enclosed for favour of reference.

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Copy of letter No..10 dated 8-7-43 from the Amildar, Closepet to the Sub Division Officer and Civil Officer, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter M.B1- Gl. 8065/42 dated 29-6-43 re: Field Firing Area near Kenchanaguppe, Bidadi village, I approached the D.A.Q.M.G. of the Brigade on 7-7-43 and as per engagement inspected the area in question. The Sub Division Officer, Closepet also was requested to inspect the spot. The area in question is free from any other obstacles, and serves the purpose. It is a forest Area and the cattle go out for grazing pruposes on lease tenure. It is perhaps desirable to inform the Forest authorities also.

Any how, we have warned all the villagers near by about the military activities. Captain Walker showed us the spot and the area was approved.

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Copy of Chief Conservator of Forests letter No. M.11-85/43-44 dated 2nd Aug. 43 to the Revenue Commissioner & Bangalore.

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Re:- Field Firing in Bidadi Range.

In continuation of my letter of even number dated the 30th ultimo on the subject, I have the honour to state that the area selected for Field Firing apparently falls within Hultar State Forest. As both the Amildar, Closepet and the Sub Division Officer, Closepet, have reported on personal inspection that except the deprivation of grazing to the cattle of the neighbouring villages there are no other obstacles to the grant of this area for field firing pruposes, I have no objection to spare that forest area for the purpose. Should any claims for compensation arise later on on this account, I will communicate with you separately for the recovery of the same from the military authorities.

Copies.

M. N. Anantha

for Revenue Commissioner
and Civil Representative.

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THE RESIDENCY,
BANGALORE.

3rd August 1943

D.O.No.2288-48/Pol

3/8/43

Dear Mr Madhava Rao

Headquarters, 160 L of C Sub Area have been writing several most urgent and immediate letters to the Civil Representative Mr.Seshadri asking for permission to use a certain area near Bidadi - the "Hulter State Forest" - for field firing. Permission was asked to use this 4 days a week, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8-0 A.M. to 5-0 P.M. This area was selected in consultation with the Amildar and has a convenient hill at one end which acts as a natural butt and ensures safety. The first request was made as long ago as June 1st. No replies have apparently been received except one "that the area is a State Forest the Chief Conservator of Forests has been consulted".

The very necessary training of the group situated in Bidadi is being held up for want of this ground. I need not emphasise the extreme urgency of training and I trust that you will, very kindly, look into this yourself and give orders for the necessary permission to be given for the use of this ground.

2. May I also remind you about the general question of various lands which are required for training purposes in the vicinity of other group areas. These were tabulated in a 160 L of C Sub Area Headquarters letter to the Civil Representative No.253/6/32/G, dated 1st June.

Yours sincerely

Pradhanasiromani
Mr. N. Madhava Rau, C.I.E.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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SUBJECT ..... Field Firing Ranges — Bidadi Area. .....

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Section War

File No. 20-43

Serial No. 6

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Secret and Immediate.

No. Pol. 276

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To The Secy to The Hon'ble The Resident

Sir,

With ref. to the correspondence ending with your letter no. R.F. 295-42/Pol. dated 30.7.43 on the above Subject, I am directed to State that this Govt. have no Objection to the use of the portion of the Hulstar State forest near Bidadi (described in letter no. 253/32/132/G dated 23-6-1943 from the H.Q., 160 L of C Subarea, Bangalore to the C.R (in Mysore) as a Field Firing Range. Subject to the payment

Date of issue..... 6. 8. 43. .....

Signed by ..... Mr. V.V. Acharya .....

List of enclosures.....

Copied by .....

Examined by .....

of Compensation for damages, if any, ~~cost~~ caused during the Course of training.

Copy of the Notification issued in the matter is enclosed for your information.

I have etc

WO
6/8/43
Chief Secy.

Memo. No. D. 212/6-8-43

Copy to C.R with ref. to his letter no. C.L.O 529/42-43 dated 3-8-1943 with a Copy of the Notifications. Suitable instructions may be issued to the C.L.O Bivadi Sub-Div. ~~C.R.~~ to give due publicity to the villagers in the neighbourhood of the area.

SD.

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Appendix F G—1]

SUBJECT ..... Firing ....

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Section War

File No. 20-43

Serial No. 7.

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Notification

No. D. 213/6 8143

To

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 6.8.43

Signed by M GR

In exercise of the powers conferred on them by Rule 50 B of the Defence of India Rules as applied to Mysore, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to authorise the carrying out of field firing ~~for a period of three months~~ near Bidadi in the area described below —

List of enclosures.....

(Ref. Map 57 4/5 one inch to one Mile)

Copied by .....

Southern Boundary Hill at 859952 to South edge of hill at 875957.

Examined by .....

Northern Boundary — Pt. 3130 (859983)

to north edge of Hill 2790 (874977)

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Chief Survey.

Memo. 70-214-217/6-0-43

To

The compiler No. 4
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Copy to C.R.
" D.C Bangalore
" C.C.I.

with Cdy & Hdqrs letter

F. S. D. orders that the attached file enquiries be returned to the War Section along with a copy of the Rewards D.O. No. CA 49 of 6.8.43 to the Resident. Copy of this letter is also attached.

Roy

7.8.43.

D.O. No. C.H. 49. Bangalore,

6th August 1[illegible].

My dear Colonel Fraser,

I looked into the papers relating to the grant of permission to use a portion of "Hultar State Forest" near Bidadi for field firing referred to in your D.O. letter of the 3rd August. It would seem that this was one of the several areas mentioned by Headquarters 160 L of C Sub Area as required for purposes of military training and that this area is now required by them for field firing. Necessary orders granting permission have been issued and a formal letter has been sent to-day to Mr. Egerton by the Chief Secretary to Government.

Yours sincerely,

(sd.) N. MADHAVA RAU.

The Hon'ble
Lieut.-Colonel D. de M. S. Fraser, C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

" Copy. "

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MYSORE FOREST DEPARTMENT.

336/W 17

No. M. 11-85/43-44.
Encl.

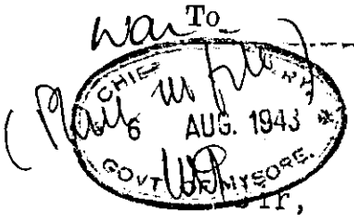
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS IN MYSORE,
Bangalore, dated 4th August *194*3.

FROM

C. ABDUL JABBAR, ESQ., B.A.,
Chief Conservator of Forests in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

V. Vedavyasachārya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
Mysore, Bangalore



Sir,

RE:- Field firing in Bidadi Range.

With reference to your Memo No. J. 175 dated the 2nd instant forwarding a copy of letter addressed to the Civil Representative in Mysore on the subject, I have the honour to enclose herewith a copy of my letter of even number dated the 2nd idem sent to the Civil Representative in reply to his letter in this behalf for favour of information.

I would, however, add that the Memo No. 107/J. dated the 16th ultimo quoted in your memo under reply has not been received by me.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Conservator of Forests.

Copy of the letter referred to above:-

Re:- Field firing in Bidadi Range.

In continuation of my letter of even number dated the 30th ultimo on the subject, I have the honour to state that the area selected for field firing apparently falls within Hultar State Forest. As both the Amildar, Closepet and the Sub Division Officer, Closepet have reported on personal inspection that except the deprivation of grazing to cattle of the neighbouring villages there are no other obstacles to the grant of this area for field firing purposes. I have no objection to spare that forest area for the purpose. Should any claims for compensation arise later on, on this account, I will communicate with you separately for the recovery of the same from the military authorities.

Chief Conservator of Forests.

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SUBJECT.....

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Section War

File No. 20-43

Serial No. 9

Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Confd. D.O.

No. 20.227/9-8-43

To, Field Service - Bivadi
Kurug

Dear ——.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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I am desired to invite reference to your letter No C.L.O 52 9/42-43 dt 3-8-43 on the above subject and to ~~state~~ request you kindly to explain why ~~he would like to know~~ why you did not acknowledge or reply so long to the letter ~~No 253/32/1900/G dt 23-6-43~~ from the H.Q., 160 L of C Sub Area Bangalore.

Date of issue.... 9.8.43

Signed by.... Mr V.V. Acharya.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

Examined by.....

WD 04161—GPB—60,000—24-10-41

Yours —
In reply
WD 7/8/43
To M. Seshadri Esq M.A
R C & B R

W.20-43-10 361/2

Secret & Urgent. Office of the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,
No. CLO. 509/42-43. Bangalore, dated August 7, 1943.

To

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

Subject: Training Areas.

In continuation of this office letter No. C.L.O. 529/42-43 dated 3-8-43 recommending that permission may be granted to the military authorities for field firing practices in the Bidadi Range, I have the honor to forward herewith copies of the marginally noted letters received from the H. Q., 160 L of C Sub Area, Bangalore on the above subject.

1. No. 253/6/34/G dated 14-6-43
2. No. 253/6/39/G dated 27-6-43

The military authorities have stated that the areas within a 25 mile radius of each of the camps, are required for manoeuvres. They have given an assurance that no firing of live ammunition would take place in these areas, except on certain specified field firing ranges, which would constitute a definite area, and that special application for their use as such, would be made by them, as and when necessary. They have further assured that strict orders have been issued to the several Units concerned, that crops of all kinds must not be interfered with during the course of training.

Copies of the marginally noted letters received from the Deputy Commissioners of Bangalore and Kolar districts, on the above subject, are enclosed for favour of perusal. The Deputy Commissioners are generally agreeable to the above proposals of the military authorities.

Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore.
No. L.Dis. Mily C.569/43-44 Dt. 5-8-43.
Deputy Commissioner, Kolar.
No. C.L.O. 163/42-43 Dt. 19th Jul 43.

In these circumstances I recommend that general permission may be given for the Units stationed at Bidadi, Vadigenahalli,

Y tank and Tondebhavi camps using the areas within a raduus of 25 miles from these camps for exercises.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner and
Civil Representative

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Let. No. 253/6/34/G dated 14 June 43 from the H.Q., 160 L of C Sub Area, Bangalore, to the Civil Representative to Mysore Government.

Subject: Training Areas.

Reference:- Conversations regarding training areas for the new units arriving here.

Will you please confirm that training may be carried out without restriction, other than that of crops, in the areas within a radius of 25 miles of each camp. These areas have already been shown to your Civil Officer, but maps, with the site of each camp ringed in blue, are enclosed for easy reference by you.

As already agreed the artillery range will be located on the old range at Rajankunti.

It is possible that the units stationed at the VADIGENAHALLI camp will require a slightly larger area in which to train, and would probably like to operate to the north, past BAGEPALLI.

It is stressed that all wet crops would be strictly "Out of Bounds" for training purposes, and villages would be avoided as far as possible.

Copy of secret let. No. 253/6/39/G dated 27-6-43 from the H.Q., 160 L of C Sub Area, Bangalore, to the Civil Representative, Mysore Govt.

Subject Training areas.

Ref. this H.Q's No. 253/6/34/G dated 14-6-1943.

It is understood that this letter is not absolutely clear. The following points are, therefore, clarified:-

1. The only artillery firing will be carried out at the Range at Rajankunti.

2. The areas within a 25 mile radius of each Camp are required for manoeuvres. No firing of live amn. will take place in these areas, except on certain specified Field Firing Ranges which will constitute a definite area. Special application for their use as such will be made to you. This H.Q.s. letter No. 253/32/132/G dated 23 Jun 43 refers.

3; It is probable that each Camp will require a Field Firing area. It is stressed that strict orders have been issued that crops of all kinds must not be interfered with.

Bangalore Deputy Comr's letter No. L.Dis.Mily.C.569/43-4 dated 5-8-43 to the Revenue Comr., in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject: Training Areas for the new Units arriving within a radius of 25 miles from the Military Camps.

In reply to your Memo No. C.L.O. 509/42-43 dated 14-6-43 addressed to the Sub Division Officer and Civil Officer, Bangalore, on the above subject, I have the honor to state that it is reported by him that the concerned Military Units may be allowed the use of areas for training purposes, provided the standing crops on the lands and inhabited villages are not affected and interfered with. It is hoped that no live shells will be used.

A copy of the report No. M.B1-1462/42-43 dated 26-7-43 from the Sub Division Officer, Bangalore is forwarded herewith for favour of reference.

Kolar Deputy Comr's. letter No. CLO. 163/42-3 dated 19-7-43 to the Revenue Comr., in Mysore, Bangalore.

Subject: Training areas.

With reference to your memo No. CLO. 509/42-43 dated 13-7-43 on the above subject, and in continuation of my previous letter of even ~~dat~~ number dated 27-6-43, I have the honour to state that Range area for Field Firing practices are to be selected near Vadigenahalli and Thondebhavi camp areas as the one already selected near Bethamangala camp in this district. These areas are to be within a radius of 25 miles of each camp.

The Civil Officer, Kolar District has been asked to select the required areas near each camp in consultation with the military representative who may be deputed for this work by the Head quarter 160 L of C Sub Area.

In view of the above, I request you to kindly address the Military authorities to depute a representative of theirs to meet the Civil Officer, Kolar District, and to intimate the convenient date in advance so as to enable the Civil Officer, to intimate the same to the local Officers of the concerned taluks to be present with the particulars required.

In this connection I am to add that the carrying of such Field Firing practices is to be authorised by Government under section 50 B of the Defence of India Act 1939 as applicable to Mysore. After the question is examined by the Civil Officer, as stated above a detailed report will be made in this behalf in due course.

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for Revenue Commissioner
and Civil Representative.

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SUBJECT..... Training areas .....

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Section W

File No. 20-43.

Serial No. 12

Diary No. of letter replied to. 361.

No. W. 318.

To

The A. E. & C. R.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Sir,

Date of issue.... 17-8-43 .....

With reference to your letter No E.L.O 549/42-43 of 7-8-43 on the above subject I am directed to state that in the circumstances explained, there is no objection to general permission being granted for the units stationed at Bidadi, Ramanagaram Halli, "J" Tank and Sondekoppa camps using the areas mentioned in

Signed by.... R. S. K. V. .....

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radius of 2.5 miles from
these camps for daily
~~training~~ manoeuvres subject
to the conditions laid down
firing of live ammunition
takes place in these areas
except on certain fixed
firing ranges which would be specified
special applications would
be made, as and when necessary
and that crops of all kinds
~~must~~ not be interfered with
during the course of the
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For Chief Secy.

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D.O. No. C.L.O. 529/42-43
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Mr. M. SESHADRI, M.A.,
Civil Representative
&
Revenue Commissioner.

NEW PUBLIC OFFICES,

Dated Bangalore,....10th..Aug.....194 3.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your D.O. letter No. W. 227 dated 7th August 1943, asking me why I did not reply so long to the letters of the Military Head Quarters, I beg to state as follows:--

The letter dated 2nd June 1943 referred to by the Head Quarters relates to the use of certain Forests for training purposes. This question was submitted to Government. I am enclosing herewith, for ready reference, a copy of the letter dated 16th July 1943 received from the Chief Secretary in which Government said that the Military authorities may be informed as indicated in that letter if they again reminded me in the matter. No reminders from the Military Head Quarters have been received on this subject so far.

The letter dated 26th June from the Military Head Quarters refers to a different subject viz., Field Firing Ranges for Bidadi Camp. I am enclosing herewith a brief note showing the progress of the correspondence on this subject. It will be observed that there was no delay in this office. There was some difficulty in actually locating the area which was wanted.

I very much regret that it did not occur to me to send an interim reply to the Head Quarters before the 27th July 1943.

Yours sincerely,

M Seshadri

V. Vedavyasacharya, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore, BANGALORE.

D.O. No. W. 106 dated 16th July 1943 from the Chief Secretary to Government of Mysore to the Revenue Commissioner & Civil Representative in Mysore.

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With reference to your D.O. No. C.L.O. 497/42-43 dated 28th June 1943 requesting orders of Government regarding permission to carry out Jungle Warefare Training in certain forest areas, I am desired to inform you that the Chief Conservator of Forests who was again consulted in the matter, has stated that permission may be given, if unavoidable, only in respect of the forests noted below and to add that Government have no objection to permission being given only in respect of the above forests on condition that training will be avoided in the immediate vicinity of inhabited villages and forest working areas. The military authorities may be informed as above, if they again remind you in the matter.

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Hultar do.	..	3680.00 "
Gadarebetta do.	..	1478.40 "
Valsebetta do.	..	845.00 "
Emmegutta State Forest.	..	3449.60 "
Ujjani do.	..	6700.80 "
Maklidurga do.	..	2624.00 "
Nallal State Plantation.	..	1220.00 "
Dibbigiribetta State Forest...		396.80 "
Hosur Minor Forest.	..	165.00 "

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"Copy"

Civil Representative.

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Field firing Range-

Bidadi.

1) The First reference from the H.Q. was received here on 24-6-43. It was sent to the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore on the same day for a report.

2. The Deputy Commissioner's final reply was received in the office on 20th July 1943. As suggested by the Deputy Commissioner, the Chief Conservator of Forests was consulted in the matter (vide draft dated 21st July 1943).

3. Two further reminders were received from H.Q. respectively on 23-7-43, and 27-7 1943.

4. An interim reply was sent to H.Q. on 29-7-1943.

5. Interim reply from Chief Conservator of Forests was received on 30-7-1943.

6. Phone message to Amildar, Closepet, was sent on 31-7-1943.

7 Final reply from Chief Conservator of Forests was received on 2-8-1943.

8. A final report to Government was sent on 3-8-1943.

10th August 1943. Civil Representative.

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